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Missing Hiker Found in Kings Canyon National Park

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA – On Thursday, July 10, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks staff successfully completed a search for missing hiker Gregg Hein, a 33-year-old male from Clovis, CA, who was overdue from a backpacking trip. Hein was found in Kings Canyon National Park near Davis Lake (approximately 11,400 feet in elevation) and approximately 2 miles from his destination, Mt. Goddard (elevation 13,568 feet). *See map for details of the search area and general location in the parks.* Hein suffered a leg injury but was otherwise alert. He was transported by helicopter to Sequoia National Park and transferred to another helicopter to be flown to a local hospital.

Search efforts today included 40 people—6 ground search teams and 2 contract helicopters—most from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Yosemite National Park provided one of the contract helicopters and helitack staff. Additional search efforts were conducted in the Sierra National Forest, outside the park, by the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

Background:

Hein originally departed from the Florence Lake trailhead in the Sierra National Forest on Thursday, July 3. He planned to hike to Mt. Goddard in Kings Canyon National Park and to return to the Florence Lake area on Monday, July 7. He signed the register at the top of Mt. Goddard on July 5.

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks' Dispatch Office was notified of the missing hiker by the Fresno County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, July 9, at 2:46 p.m.

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